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SUBJECT: COST-SHARING IN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, FY 1977

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1. CAN ONLY ESTIMATE LOCAL COST-SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FY1977. FIGURES DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON PLACEMENT OF AMERICAN LECTURERS WHO RECEIVE LOCAL-LEVEL SALARIES FROM SPONSORING UNIVERSITIES WITH KAEC PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY MAINTENANCE, HOUSING AND TRAVEL.
2. KOREAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS POINT HAS AGREED PROVIDE ONLY 6,250 DOLLARS CASH CONTRIBUTION. ANTICIPATE LOCAL UNIVERSITY SALARIES AND HOUSING FOR AMERICAN LECTURERS EQUIVALENT APPROXIMATELY 20,000 DOLLARS KOREAN CURRENENCY. ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH AND KIND NOW TOTAL 26,250 DOLLARS.
3. WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS WE HOPE TO APPROACH ROK GOVERNMENT WITH STRONG REQUESTS FOR KAL TRAVEL TICKETS FOR ALL GRANTEES OR AT LEAST KOREAN GRANTEES. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED. REMIND DEPARTMENT THAT LAST YEAR'S RESPONSE TO SIMILAR REQUEST WAS 10,000 DOLLARS CONTRIBUTION RATHER THAN 6,000 DOLLARS AS IN PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.
4. THUS FAR BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS BUT WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS.

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